

Blues meet top Swedes

ONE of the most famous teams in Swedish football are playing Wycombe Wanderers in an attractive looking friendly at Loakes Park on Thursday night. They are Djurgardens I.F. from Stockholm, whose achievements over the past few seasons are second to none.

Djurgardens, the oldest and biggest club in the country, have won the Swedish League no less than four times, the last time in 1966 and have experience of European competition.

Last season they went out to Wrexham in the Cup Winners Cup. After a 1-1 draw in the home leg, they went down 2-1 at Wrexham. But they finished third in the league and have so qualified for next winter's E.U.F.A. Cup.

Djurgardens boast four current Swedish internationals, one of whom captain Svenn Lindman played in the Munich World Cup. But the present star is Anders Gröghagen, another international, who recently became the highest transferred player in Swedish football

history. Seven more players are under 23 internationals.

The Swedes are currently on a tour of England as part of their warm up for the new season which, due to their very cold winters, starts next month and ends in October. On Tuesday afternoon they played Leicester City at Filbert Street.

Djurgardens, who were formed in 1891, run as many as 20 football sides and participate in 17 other sports. This is, perhaps, not surprising considering that their headquarters are at the old Olympic stadium in Stockholm.

Wycombe can thank their manager Brian Lee for capturing this attractive fixture. The tourists are staying at the Bisham Abbey sports centre, of which Mr. Lee is a director.